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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to see this case settled as early as possible. For one, I can't even imagine why an icon of American economy, like Microsoft, has been put thru such tough lawsuit by ? of all the parties ? the US Government. Microsoft has done nothing but good to the world of computers and the economy in general. Remember the days when companies like IBM controlled the market? If it were up to them, computers would still have been an esoteric tool, limited to the rich and the powerful.

I do not believe that Microsoft has ever stifled competition. They have consistently come out with the very best products. Netscape died a natural death ? I don't know of a single person who would like to use Netscape after having used Microsoft's Internet Explorer. If you notice, the only companies concerned about Microsoft are the ones that have been sitting pretty so far due to lack of competition. This includes companies like Oracle, Sun and AOL (and IBM to some extent). All of a sudden, they have to improve their products so that they are not killed by better products from Microsoft. There is nothing wrong with the survival of the fittest. Isn't this what capitalism is all about?

Myself, and millions like me, who have benefited directly or indirectly from Microsoft, would like to request you in the public interest to drop this lawsuit altogether. If not that, please at least settle it so that consumers are not harmed. We are all comfortable with someone like Microsoft play the leader. Hate to see it go folks like Oracle, Sun and AOL?

Regards,
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